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## Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped *For Immediate Release*

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### **Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped celebrates 80 years of "Talking Books"**

Clinton Township, Mich. - The Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped joins the Library of Congress in celebrating 80 years of "Talking Books." The program provides free reading materials for visually and physically challenged patrons of all ages.

The free event will be held on Thursday, July 28 at the Wayne State University Macomb Education Center located at 16480 Hall Road (just west of Garfield) and will include:

- 10:30 a.m. Dr. Mogk, Director of the Henry Ford Visual Rehabilitation and Research Center will discuss living fully with Macular Degeneration
- 11:30 a.m. David Nagorsen, violinist
- 12:30 p.m. Richard L. Gleason, MSU Advanced Master Gardener and 2009 Michigan "Florist of the Year" will present a program on sensory gardening
- Light refreshments

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped collection, available through 113 libraries throughout the country, offers more than 320,000 titles in digital audio or Braille format including bestsellers, classics and biographies. The collection also offers access to more than 40 magazines and other periodicals as well as the use of talking book players. Materials are mailed at no cost through the U.S. Postal Service or available for download over the Internet.

"Talking Books connect the blind and physically handicapped community with their peers through a treasured American pastime: reading," says Beverlee Babcock, Director of the Macomb County LBPH.

Reservations for the celebration of 80 years of Talking Books are required by July 18, please call 586-286-1580.

For more information:

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: [www.loc.gov/nls/](http://www.loc.gov/nls/)

Macomb County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: [www.libcoop.net/macspe](http://www.libcoop.net/macspe).

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